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JUDGE TRUMBULL'S SPEECH.

We are happy to lay before our readers Judge Trumbull's speech in the United States Senate on Thursday last, one of the ablest constitutional arguments ever pronounced before that body, and a timely and learned exposition of the harmony of the Constitution with all the requirements of the present crisis, fortified by numerous citations of U. S. Supreme Court decisions and authorities in International law. The speech will be found on the second page of to-day's issue.

EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS.

It will be received with gratification throughout the country and the army, the intelligence that the barriers to an exchange of prisoners are removed, and that, as a beginning, a number constituting about one-third of the rebel prisoners taken at Hatteras, are to be exchanged from Fortress Monroe for an equal number of Federal prisoners from Richmond.

FROM ARKANSAS.

The news we give of an alleged discovery of an association of loyal men in Arkansas, comes to us from a source that should entitle it to credit, especially as the same affair it must have been that formed the burden of Gov. Rector's late Message, a which he complains of treason in the midst of his State. What will be the fate of these Union men is certain. They will be hurried and hunted down with sword and cord, unless by some movement of the Federal forces a standard be set up to which all may fly who desire to aid the Government. And when this is done, let it not be till all "Third Orders" are abolished and the Government is ready to accept every strong arm, white or black, that will aid in the extinguishment of treason. The counties named in the account in another column, are among the northernmost in the State.

SHARP COUNTING IN NEW YORK.

It is seriously feared that the Mayoralty of New York will have to be settled by the courts, so determined are the opposition to defraud George Opdyke of his election. Fernando Wood is nowhere, and he turns to help Gunther, the other Democratic candidate. The returns of several voting districts have been thrown out, because the canvassers delayed to hand in their lists within the twenty-four hours, and new votes have been discovered for Gunther with a variety of spelling; by all of which means the returns are so amended, as, it is said, to give Gunther 78 majority! The canvassers, who make a final count, are up to any such iniquity, and are delaying their proceedings until the arrangements for a grand fraud on the people can be made. The path of an honest man to the Mayoralty of New York is beset with many dangers, but we believe Opdyke will go in, despite all. This is too good a chance to lure an honest Executive to be lost by any means legitimate to securing it.

THE SOUTHERN NEWS.

We give in another column a variety of interesting Southern news. Latest and most reliable advices from Charleston represent them confident that they can gather forces rapidly enough to meet us at any point on the mainland we may choose, at least with equal numbers. Drawing from Georgia and North Carolina pretty freely, and expecting to have soon a portion of their own men in Virginia to count upon, they are perfectly quiet, now, and have not yet withdrawn a single company from the general Confederate service.

This looks as if we might have to whip them yet on the Potomac, instead of having as easy day's work of exploration of deserted camps. Two things have already been demonstrated—that the Government will not, by any blockade, *starve out* a territory the most fertile agricultural region on the face of the globe; and that it will not *starve out* of existence the Confederacy. The loyal people of the North are ready to accept to the fullest extent, the third mode, be bequest, in which we shall be successful just when we accept and use all the means ready to our hands. The slaves of rebels must either fight with us, or against us. We shall see all spies mishness on the part given up directly.

IMPORTANT FROM ARKANSAS.

Treason Discovered in C. S. A.

In our last issue we referred to the fact that the recent Message of Gov. Rector, of Arkansas, darkly and dolefully hinted at the existence of treason in the midst of that happy State. From other sources this passes beyond a mere surmise, since it is certain that arrests are being made of parties in Arkansas charged with being Union men.

The Little Rock *Gate Journal*, of the 20th ult., notices the arrival at that city of twenty-seven prisoners, members of a secret Lincoln organization from Van Buren county. They were lodged in jail for safe-keeping, until tried by the civil authorities. Forty others were said to be on the way, and the names of the whole clan known, also their secret signs and pass-words, which were divulged by a young man who was ignorantly initiated into the order.

From this same sheet it appears that information of this organization was given to Gen. Rector by a citizen of Van Buren county, and volunteer in the Confederate service. The names of the leaders were fully divulged, and a sharp pursuit took place. Two or three were hung immediately upon being taken. The editor of the Little Rock *Journal* claims to speak most knowingly, and entirely by the card in the matter, and claims to have been permitted to peruse the Constitution of this organization. He says it is called a "Peace and Constitutional Society." They have 700 members in Searcy, Van Buren, Newton and other counties, and 1,700 in the whole State. They have a regular system of signs and passwords, and are furnished with supplies of money from the Northern camps. The Constitution makes its obligatory upon every member to hazard his life in aid of another in distress, and the penalty of expressing any of the secrets of the organization is death.

Burgevin, who was mustering in a regiment at Carrollton, in Carroll county, as soon as he heard of the conspiracy, at once started down to the counties above named, to see what steps might be necessary. At Clinton, in Van Buren county, he saw one Colonel B. Lewis, who assured him of the falsity of the report. Col. Lewis had also put a guard of 100 men, and was at that time making arrests, and Gen. Burgevin left in control of the whole affair with that view.

The letter we quote, reports that those arrested were well supplied with arms and ammunition, and infers that those still at large were well equipped.

The telegraph confirms the opinion we have of Col. Kerrigan, of the New York regiment, correcting the absurd statement that the President had already signed the commission of Kerrigan, on a review day in the middle of October, insulted his General Martindale, and the writer when the latter officer called up the regiment, dismissed the obstreperous Irishman in a two-wheeled ambulance, and then cashiered him. For this act tending to the promotion in a regiment, itself of a character, Kerrigan will suffer the due penalty, and nothing else.

Gens. Gale and Calhoun Benham, in parole at the intercession of Governor, are at Washington, and are being made to have them released

Reported in the Philadelphia papers that Pennsylvania regiments are to be sent to Kentucky.

Gen. Pope in Command at Syracuse—A Lively Time expected—The Holdenville Price's Bands.

SYRACUSE, Mo., Dec. 7.—Gen. Pope has been assigned to the command of all the Federal forces between the Missouri and Osage rivers. This force constitutes the largest part of the army which Gen. Fremont took to Springfield. Busy preparations are now being made for the establishment of winter quarters for the troops. Price is still south of the Osage, near Osceola, and is losing more men by desertion and the expiration of the time of service than he has gained by his proclamation. If he crosses the Osage lively times may be expected.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 7.—A band of rebels entered Independence last night, and arrested several Union men and forced them to take an oath that they would not take up arms against the Southern Confederacy. This morning they took possession of the stage leaving for Lexington, but through the influence of some secession citizens it was restored.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 8.—To-day ten six-mule teams, while on a foraging expedition about eight miles west of this place, were seized by a party of rebels, and the teamsters taken prisoners.

Mr. Chase touches upon the slavery question in a paragraph—advising the confiscation of rebel property as a means of revenue. He excepts slaves, because he says the United States cannot become a slaveholder; but he recommends the emancipation and the employment of those liberated, in the service of the Government.

Serenades were given last evening by the band of the 19th Indiana Regiment. Judge Smith, of Wisconsin, spoke for the Northwest, whose right arm, he said, extends from the great Lakes, and whose left embraces the Atlantic Coast, and which would consent to nothing but an utter squelching out of this great rebellion. He admonished his hearers not to forget that while we are soldiers we are also citizens, and that the great object was to sustain the Constitution—the basis upon which the Government rests. It is sufficient to put down this rebellion, and save this great country. There can be no America north of the Isthmus but the United States: an America—one and indivisible, now and forever—which it becomes our sacred duty to preserve. In the course of his remarks, Judge Smith expressed his joy that Washington was at last safe, and said Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin had their hands full to put down rebellion in their own vicinity.

Governor Morton, spoke for Indiana, who, he said, had $7,000 soldiers in the field, but would give her last dollar and man to restore the Union. He had no doubt of our ultimate triumph. The war on the part of the North thus far, he said, was maintained for the suppression of the rebellion and the restoration of the Union; and he trusted that for these purposes alone it would be prosecuted. We should use every means known to civilized warfare, but do nothing which, from the nature of the case, might make the restoration of the Union impossible.

Messrs. Kellogg, of Illinois; Colfax and Lane, of Indiana; and Crittenden, of Kentucky, also spoke. Mr. Crittenden said that seventy thousand Unionists in Kentucky were determined to push the war on until the Stars and Stripes floated from the State House in Nashville.

Mr. Kellogg, of Illinois, said that the Union sentiment of Georgia and other Southern States, save South Carolina, should be encouraged. He said, in conducting the war he was for letting Slavery alone.

Messrs. Lane and Colfax, of Indiana, eloquently urged a bold and vigorous prosecution of the war.

In compliance with orders from home, Sir Fenwick Williams, Commander of the British forces in Canada—now numbering about ten thousand men—has recalled all absent officers, brought his troops under his immediate supervision, and is bringing them to a high state of efficiency.

Fernando Wood has interposed in behalf of Colonel Kerrigan, for whom he asks a speedy trial. Kerrigan will be brought before a court martial this week.

J. V. Fowler, the New York Post Office detailer, is carrying on a tobacco manufactory at Tepic, Mexico, and is said to be making money.

At a dinner given by the Prussian Minister, recently, the Prince de Joinville and the Orleans Princes were seated above General McClellan, upon whose staff the latter are acting—a noteworthy piece of snobbishness.

Delegations are here from Davenport, Moline, and Rock Island, urging Congress to build the National Armory at Rock Island.

A seventy-four pound shell was thrown from a lower Potomac rebel battery to within a few feet of the Massachusetts regiment while drilling, but it failed to explode.

Thirty-one slave, women and children, were brought up from Sickles's brigade, yesterday, taken from a rebel plantation near Mathias Point. The slave men taken at the same time are now employed by General Sickles as laborers.

Old John Pierpont, in installing Wm. Channing, to-day, told the people to allow him the utmost freedom in discussing subjects, whether personal or national. He said Baltimore is now, unquestionably, showing the Government the right kind of fellowship. His remarks were markedly anti-slavery. He asserted that there was not one Unitarian preacher in rebellion against the Government, because Slavery and Unitarianism did not agree.

The Government has decided to extend the telegraph lines to Fortress Monroe, using only twenty-five miles of submarine cable. The New Yorkers here urge its extension to Hatteras, Port Royal, Key West, and Pensacola.

Gentlemen here from New York are urging an exchange of prisoners, and are encouraged in their request by Gen. McClellan, and the President, who, however, cannot see the way to the desired end.

FROM ST. LOUIS.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]

ST. LOUIS, December 8, 1861.

The Illinois River Packet Company has taken the contract to tow the thirty-eight mortar-boats to Cairo. The steamer Sam. Gaty leaves to-morrow with twelve of them; the others will follow immediately. Eighty dollars each is paid for the job, which is considered a low figure.

The Benton Hussars, a cavalry company, which left here on Friday evening for Hannibal, Mo., by the steamer John Warner, returned to-day—the boat drawing too much water to pass Pizar Island. They return again by railroad to-morrow. It is designed to attach them to some incomplete State regiment.

The deaths in the Military Hospital last week embrace the following: 14th Illinois, Wm. J. Smith, company E; 15th Illinois, Richard Bates, company E, Lorenzo W. Foss; 23th Illinois, Moses Wilson, Stephen E. Henry; 35th Illinois, P. Landers, John Dougherty, William Boph. Peter Shanks, Jesse Frazer, John L. Hefmick; 44th Illinois, Thomas Nance, William A. Coates; 43d Illinois Cavalry, Thomas B. Hood; Kane county Cavalry, Wm. Kernear.

Gen. Thomas L. Price, who was appointed Brigadier General by Fremont, and relieved of his command at Jefferson City, by order of Gen. Halleck, in consequence of the Government's non-recognition of Fremont's appointments, has received a Brigadier's commission direct from President Lincoln. This is an excellent appointment. He has resumed the command at Jefferson City.

Washington News.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—A Washington special dispatch to the N. Y. *Times* says the Republican caucus was only attended by eleven members, who adjourned after appointing a Committee to issue a call for another caucus on Monday evening.

The Secretary of the Treasury's Report will be presented on Monday.

The roads between Washington and Maryland, on the Maryland side of the Potomac, are almost impassable for army baggage-wagons.

From Banks's Army.

FREDERICK, Md., Dec. 8.—The 3d Brigade of Gen. Banks's army, Gen. Williams commanding, arrived here and passed through the city to their encampment three miles out on the Hagerstown turnpike. The 1st and 2nd Brigade, Generals [illegible] and Hamilton, arrived on Tuesday and Wednesday. The former is located on the Monocacy and Baltimore turnpike, and the latter near Jonesville, both about five miles out.

Latest from the Sumter.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—A schooner from Martinique, 11th inst., reports the privateer Sumter there, coaling. She had taken two prizes, and was allowed to refit without opposition.

THE LATEST NEWS
BY TELEGRAPH.

MORE RECONNOISSANCES.

No Enemy at Fairfax Court House.

AQUIA BATTERIES SILENT.

Visit to Belmont, Mo.

EXCHANGE OF 240 PRISONERS.

CAIRO PRISONERS RELEASED.

BLACK FLAG AT COLUMBUS, KY.

75,000 MEN CAN'T TAKE THE PLACE.

CASE OF COL. KERRIGAN.

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GENERAL POPE AT SEDALIA, MO.

LIVELY TIMES FOR PRICE'S GANG

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

The Disagreement between the President and Secretary of War—How it was sought to Suppress the news, and how it could not be Done—What will be the End of it!—Secretary Wellis's Report—Efficiency of the Navy.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5, 1861.

Since the New York papers have ventilated somewhat the Cabinet disagreement, it may not be improper to recur to it. Extraordinary and ill-directed efforts were made to keep it secret—as though such a thing were possible when the Secretary of War, who felt himself to be in the right, and who knew he would probably be sustained by Congress, and certainly by the country, had no interest in hiding it under a bushel, but a very considerable interest in setting it on a hill. The Government censor at the telegraph office, refused to send the news over the wires to New York; nevertheless, the *Herald* reporter managed to smuggle a confused account through, in a kind of cipher, which escaped detection. It is presumed that no such dispatches were allowed to go West; (one was left at the office about nine o'clock Monday evening for the Chicago TRIBUNE). This censor, by the way, is likely to gain the attention of Congress, by this officious meddling with political news. He is a wooden-headed customer, appointed not by the Government, but by the telegraph company. When he finds himself puzzled as to the propriety of a dispatch, as he not unfrequently does, he either requires the person writing it to go and get the endorsement of some member of the Cabinet, or he goes off and consults with some one more wooden-headed than himself, who always tells him to *suppress it*.

After this channel of information was corked up, or supposed to be, efforts were made by somebody other than the Secretary of War, to recall all copies of the Report which had been sent in advance to the principal cities for publication. All these precautions failed, as might have been expected, for if a single copy should happen to get into print in newspaper form, it would necessarily travel from Dan to Beersheba. The sequel proved how futile were the efforts made to cast out the devil from Secretary Cameron's Report. While the dispatches were yet going on that errand, the Baltimore *Sun* was printing the original document; so, also, was the New York *Tribune*. The Philadelphia papers and the New York *Times* and *Tribune* were enabled by accident or design, to print the report, as first written, in immaterial. The fact was bound to come out, and the sensible way to treat it was to allow the truth to be announced to the country at once, and thus avoid a world of unpleasant and unnecessary suspicions.

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State Teachers' Association.

There has been a change of time in the meeting of the Illinois State Teachers' Association, as follows:

OFFICE OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,
SPRINGFIELD, Dec. 2, 1861.

At the request of many teachers, who could not otherwise attend, notice is hereby given that the next examination for State Certificates will be held at Bloomington, on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 24th and 25th of the present month (December), instead of the 18th, 20th and 21st, as previously announced. Papers friendly to the object please copy.

Superintendent of Public Instruction.

The New York *Herald* of Wednesday reiterates the statement, which it has made so often before, that the *World*, *Times* and *Tribune* are hard up for funds, and very kindly advises the three to unite under the title of "The World, the Flesh, and the Devil." The *Herald* has stolen our own joke on the subject, with the exception of omitting itself, as the *third* partner in the consolidation. The squabbles of these great Gotham dailies are incessant, and some very amusing phases are introduced. The other day the *Herald* came out with the *Tribune's* advertisement, occupying an entire column, and calling attention to the editorially, giving the public to understand that the *Tribune* aims to increase its falling list by the help of its rival. If we can judge from the comments of the *Tribune* on the trick, it told upon its temper.

Jos. O. Wilkerson, the notorious murderer of the Mack family in Green county, Ill., broke jail at Carrollton last Sunday night, and is still at large. He was under sentence of death for the crime. Jacob Bowman, Sheriff of the county, offers $100 reward for the arrest of the fugitive.

A destructive fire occurred at Lockport, Ind., on Monday last. The fire originated in the warehouse attached to J. Barton's stave factory, but now to the county. In the selection of Com. Dupont, the Secretary passed over some fifty names of senior officers, and came nearly to the bottom of the list of Captains. The event has shown that Dupont was *the man*. Then he had Commander Davis for his fleet, Captain or Executive officer, and Lieutenants R. F. Rodgers, of the Naval Academy, specially detailed to navigate the flag ship Wabash, in whose wake the bombarding fleet followed. Davis and Rodgers are two of the most skillful and intrepid young officers in the navy. Mr. Bonteffle, the Assistant Superintendent of the Coast Survey, who knows more about the harbors and inlets of South Carolina than any South Carolinian since the Revolution, accompanied Com. Dupont as a general pilot and consulting officer. These are but single items indicating the thoroughness and perfection of the expedition in a naval point of view. It must be said, in mitigation of the verdict pronounced on the military part of the affair, that the soldiers and volunteer officers were so demoralized by the great storm off Hatteras that only the 250 marines could be brought into line when the forces landed. All else was confusion, disorder, and sea-sickness of the most wretched kind. This does not excuse the fiddle-fiddling about the Beaufort negroes, nor palliate the barbarous conduct of the Lieutenant, who shocked the nerves of the rebel clergyman by trying to force the Sherman proclamation upon him.

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THE GRAND ARMY OF THE UNION.

By a comparison of the list of Federal troops now in the field, from the several States, with the tables of population, it is found that the number from this State is about 5 per cent.; that is, five men in every hundred in Illinois are now in arms for the defence of the Union. Indiana has one in 20, Kansas one in 28, and these States lead all the rest in this respect. Little Rhode Island heads the list of older States on the seaboard, she having contributed one man in 34.

WHAT HAS BEEN GAINED!

On the 9th of November, by the gallant work of Com. Dupont's blue-jackets, Gen. Sherman landed at Port Royal. Since that time nothing has transpired, or next to that. We are "fortifying" there, of course, and there is talk of a machine shop, and re-opening trade in notions with Yankeeland. We have a harbor of refuge and supply for our cruisers. We have a cotton port, though scarcely enough of that staple has yet been found to give it that title.

But what has been gained in the direction of bringing South Carolina back to her allegiance, and to punishment for her misdeeds? What has been done in the direction which we have a right to suppose constitutes Gen. Sherman's mission? We may mistake the position of things, but we venture the opinion that when our army comes to move from Port Royal it will be seen that the delay and dallying have given the South Carolinians time to do to Gen. Sherman precisely what a colony of bees do to a moth who has entered the precincts of the hive. They cannot oust him, but they cover him up and seal him over with wax. By this time, a *cordon militaire* of rebel batteries and camps bars our approaches to the interior in any direction. Planters have had time to fly from the Beaufort District and carry their negroes with them, leaving fire to do its work with the crops. The country is getting over its first bad scare, and is using to our detriment all the time we are liberally affording them. Now suppose Gen. Sherman had been instructed to strike the soil of South Carolina and use all his advantages. Are not these people the fierce and implacable enemies of the Government? Was it not almost within hearing distance, that the guns seven months ago broke the peace of the country, at Sumter? What was the call for delay, in a community whose disposition was fully known by their acts?

Suppose that, on landing, Gen. Sherman had called all loyal men and slaves of rebels to his camps, armed and uniformed them. The panic would have run inland from Beaufort like a prairie fire. From all the plantations negroes would have poured into the Federal lines. Our army would have trebled in a week, and gathered strength as it advanced. Charleston ere this would have fallen. Savannah would have been ours, and the suffering and patient, but disheartened, loyal men of Tennessee would have felt the thrill reach them across panic stricken Secessia. To-day Gen. Sherman would have stood as a conqueror, where now he merely occupies a command in a "fortified" position on the coast.

Are not these facts? Is not this a fair picture of what might have been? What has stood in the way but the squeamishness at arming the negroes, at putting muskets into the hands of the slaves of rebel masters, to maintain the Union. Gen. Sherman had it in his power to spread war and desolation through South Carolina. He was sent there for that purpose. The means lie ready at his hands and have not been used.

It was colored men, slaves of rebels, who drew the line of embankments about Sumter. Blacks erected the works behind which Bragg now threatens Pickens. Blacks are now entrenching Jeff Thompson at New Madrid. A regiment of 400 blacks are reviewed at New Orleans, to the delight of that city. Now are not these scruples wrongly entertained in a cause of such magnitude? Can the Government afford them? Can the people afford them?

When are the managers of this war to commence its earnest work? The greatest humanity is to make it quick, sharp, and terrible. Witness the slow tortures of the unhappy sections of the border States made the scene of rebel outrages. Is not dallying and delay in the management of the war, akin to the questionable humanity of the surgeon who should spare his patient by the use of a dull knife, and by slow degrees of progress? We have not sought this work of war. The desolation it will bring to homes, has not been invoked by us. The rebels knowing all their own risks, accepted the fearful hazard. It is misplaced tenderness that turns back upon them the very men they are arming against us, and refuses to employ, in behalf of the Union, the stout arms that have from the first been loyal to the Union.

CONFEDERATE CURRENCY.

The political economists, who, following the lead of the national confidence-man, Robert J. Walker, Mr. Polk's Secretary of the Treasury, are predicting that the rebel Confederacy will be dissolved before Spring, by the impossibility of raising money with which to carry on the war, are hiding their unwillingness to trust the power of our arms, behind a prophecy that has no warrant in the history of the past. And if they lull the country into a sense of security by pretending to tell when peace will be restored without striking a blow, they will do an injury which years of blood and toil will not repair. The South is rich in resources, which are wholly at the command of the rebel rulers, and the acumen of the chief officer of the Confederate Treasury, which we lately had occasion to notice, will so manage his substitutes for money, that, unless we are active and bold, the patience of the commercial world will be exhausted, and our blockade raised before Mr. Memminger's financial system will break down. The notes of the conspirators now pass freely from hand to hand; they are much below par and will unquestionably continue to decline; but a long road, unless our victories are hastened on, must be gone over before they will cease to discharge the purpose for which they were devised. Their circulation has thus far been voluntary; so long as their aggregate is not largely increased, they will still be counted as money; and when, in that real despotism, the exigencies of the bad cause demand that additional tens of millions be put into the market, there yet remain the old resources of tyranny—a compulsory circulation, and military requisitions for supplying the enemy's wants. Of course the coming of disaster and bankruptcy is only a question of time. The endurance of the people will, by and by, be too severely taxed; the demand for real values will become imperative, and then the system goes down with a crash. But the optimists who are quietly hoping for that consummation, do not see either side of the single point upon which their eyes are fastened. The question is, "Will the world be content, while wanting cotton, to wait for the operation of economical causes to end the war for the South, in a two or three years' struggle, to prove that Adam Smith was not a fool? Let us suppose this nation a neutral, while other powers are combatting, and in our wants and impulses, thus circumstanced, we shall at once find a clue to what England and France will do. No, our safety lies in action, which, by convincing the men of the South that their cause is hopeless, will ruin the credit of their Confederate currency; and which, by proving our earnestness and ability to the world, will insure a respect for the blockade, upon which the easy conquest of the rebels depends! Gunpowder is that which will blow up the rebel financial system.

THE OLD ANIMUS.

It will be observed, that the men who are now making an unseemly clamor over Mr. Cameron's recommendation embodied in the suppressed Report, are those who came reluctantly and with evident misgivings to the defence of the country when the war broke out. The editor of the New York *Herald* would not show the American flag after Sumter fell, until his office was threatened by a mob; and the *Times* in this city, as well as the *Free Press* in Detroit, went through an almost similar discipline. The reluctance in each case to see that the country's cause was worth defending, grew out of the fact that the managers of the papers of which we speak, loved slavery more than they loved the Union; and though professing great loyalty to-day, there are abundant reasons for believing that the old *animus* is the cause of their outcry now.

Again, the fact will not escape our readers that the newspapers which find lurking Abolitionism in the cautious recommendations of the President's Message, in relation to the disposition to be made of the escaped slaves of rebel masters, are those which were seized with spasms of horror and rage when the first contingent of 75,000 men was called out. These papers were mainly in the border slave States, and among them the Louisville *Journal* was then, as it is now, the most conspicuous. Who does not remember its indignation and grief when the defence of our flag against the rebel armies became a necessity? Who does not remember that it gave the President the option to be considered a madman or a fool, and that it then threatened more direful things than it threatens now, if what it called the nefarious policy were not changed?

The trouble with all these journals and the men for whom they speak, is, in a greater degree, that which torments the New York *Herald*. They are content when the signs show that the tide of war will not touch the institution that has bred this infernal mischief; but that being threatened, they halt and waver. Their's is a divided loyalty—the root of their proposed neutrality; and their influence upon the powers that be is one of the causes that has made the war so fruitless in good results. There are more than 600,000 true men in the field; not one of whom does not burn to make this a short, quick, and on our part, a triumphant struggle. Cannot we not afford to wage war as the Republic demands, and not, as heretofore, in a way to quell the fears and tickle the "conservatism" of the Border States? The country is right; why then, condemn men who were loyal from the first, to follow the slow motions of the semi-secessionists who yielded to the fear of physical force before their patriotism could be discovered at all?

THOSE POOR DEAR MEN.

In what, is not to them their "loved little isle," just off the good city of Boston, are two men than whom not another pair are more identified with the great infamies of the rebellion. They were "taken in the very act." For years they have been working in this conspiracy. They represent a system and principles the antipodes of Boston. They have no sympathy with aught that pertains to the prosperity and peace of the capital of New England. Massachusetts men have have shed their blood at Bull Run, and Ball's Bluff, through the treason of these men. Massachusetts homes to-day are mourning their first born sons, slain in battle, or by thousands sojourning in winter camps, and all this because of the traitorous conspiracy in which these labored.

Now there are common decencies to be observed in all these cases. Because the treason was a blow aimed at the hearts and homes of Boston; because our Southern brethren would do and are doing their best to cut the throats of Massachusetts men, it would for this reason be proper for her citizens to turn out and tear these men from Fort Warren, were that possible, and barbecue or lynch them *a la* Dixie's land, and Massachusetts will contemplate no such thing.

But it is not more a decency in Boston snobs, the flutter into which they have been thrown by the importation of these distinguished southern rebels. Such first class Southerners, such poor dear men,—Boston flunkeyism is moved to the core and centre, and baskets of champagne and hampers of goodies, and packages of toilet cushions, slippers and dressing gowns are the result.

There is a sweetness in woman's tenderness for an enemy, but, really, are not the Boston Mrs. Jellybys carrying the thing too far? Mothers in the Bay State are weeping over their desolated homes; Bay State merchants are lamenting their own ruin, and her manufacturers their impending bankruptcy. Is it a time for Boston, even Boston snobbery, to aid the authors of all these woes to fine wines, wherewithal that they may drink to the defeat of the Union, and viands that they may fare sumptuously every day? The order of Congress has come timely, but not in time to redeem these Boston matrons from a folly they should be ashamed of.

LET SLAVERY FEEL THE WAR.

The *Christian Intelligencer*—for a generation the organ of the Reformed Dutch Church in this country, and an exceedingly cautious, conservative journal—has a strong leader this week entitled "Slavery against the Government," in which its editor, the Rev. E. S. Porter, takes decided ground in favor of recognizing slavery as the mainspring of the rebellion, and treating it accordingly. Says the editor:

> "From the beginning of the civil war until now, Slavery has organized their rebel army, and operated as the soul of the great conspiracy against National life and liberty. These things being so, it becomes a question of no merely momentary interest, What ought the Government to do with slavery now? What policy, if any, should the loyal men of the country adopt respecting the future treatment of this insurgent National cancer? The reply which ought, in our judgment, to be made to these questions, is this: *Since Slavery made the war, let Slavery feel the war.* By inciting servile insurrections, whose many and nameless atrocities would outrage humanity, but by *confiscating the slaves* of all rebel masters, so soon as they can be reached, and by using them as hired laborers until the rebellion is crushed, in part by their aid. The property of Slavery would be rightfully used against itself. Thus the issue which the rebel conspirators have tendered the Government would be precisely met as tendered, and the ultimate decision of this controversy would prove itself plainly in favor of ultimate emancipation."

PURGE THE PRISONS.

The evident disposition of Congress to make clean work of the infamous legislation and the more infamous practices, which have disgraced the nation, in the District of Columbia, will carry joy to the heart of every man to whom the inestimable guarantys of personal liberty are not a farce. That black men alone have been subjected to the Neapolitan code which slavery, in the District, has demanded for its protection, does not, among white men who are mindful of human rights, relieve the Republic of the opprobrium which has been heaped upon it by the laws of which we speak. It has been a grievous stain upon our national honor that, within the shadow of the flag which floats from the dome of the Capitol, men and women should be sold like beasts in the market-place; but it is a deeper reproach that men born free, should, for the first time, have the chains of bondage riveted upon them in the very heart of a Democracy. Every brick in the walls of the buildings used for local courts, and every stone in the prisons, could, if not voiceless, tell a tale of injustice and woe, compared with which the atrocities of Venice and Naples would be diminished. Black men only suffered, and the world laughed, but Heaven listened and sent the penalties. The rebellion was conceived and fostered in that spot where tyranny was nursed and fed; and the men here and everywhere in the North, who would not heed what their representatives were doing, or heeding would not reprove, must now fly to arms to protect themselves from that despotism which they refused to nip in the bud. This is a world of compensations.

Let us hope that the iniquities of those statutes and those prison houses will be uncovered, and that before Congress adjourns, it will be impossible to say a MAN in the District of Columbia, and that the seal of a purified Democracy may be put on the closed gates of the baracoons from which women were sold for purposes of lust!

The U. S. Sanitary Commission.

The Sanitary Commission's Report of their operations embrace information of great and permanent value, though necessarily too voluminous.

The Commission has furnished supplies to 116 regimental and 10 general hospitals in Washington and vicinity. Thousands of articles of all sorts, worth $500, have been distributed daily on an average, to the Potomac army. The whole value of distribution there in November was $11,000, and in the whole army $30,000.

In more than three-quarters of the regiments native Americans are in the majority. The Germans are in the majority in only six. The Irish in only five out of a hundred. Nearly two-thirds of the army are Americans. Nine-tenths are citizens. The average age of privates is over 24 years. Three-fourths are single men.

Five men in a hundred are without blankets, most probably having worn their's out. A quarter of the blankets are of poor quality. The men are generally well provided: if not, it is the consequence of their own carelessness, or the gross negligence of officers. The men are almost universally satisfied with their rations, both in quality and quantity.

Captains now uniformly draw the rations, and generally in proper form. The cooking is greatly improved. About forty per cent. of the regiments there form company funds. Three months ago only one regiment of the volunteers did. This indicates the formation of regular camp habits. In eight out of the twenty regiments the sutlers charge fixed prices.

They are generally exorbitant. The army regulations on the subject are uniformly disregarded. There is little drunkenness except on pay day, and leave of absence there is less than in other armies. There is too much gambling after pay-day. In seven-eighths of the regiments there are competent surgeons.

The health of the volunteers is not so good as that of the regulars. The average number of sick in the whole army is 77 in 1,000. The average deaths monthly is 3 in 1,000.

Colored Emigration to Hayti.

Mr. Redpath, the Haytien Emigration Agent at New York, announces that about two thousand free colored persons have already emigrated to that island under the auspices of his Bureau, and that large colonies are forming in Michigan, Southern Ohio, Canada, and Pennsylvania, and will embark in the course of the coming winter and next spring. Vessels are to sail from New York on December 18th, January 1st, January 16th, etc. Several letters have recently been received from the colonists at St. Mark, and as they speak of their prospects in most encouraging terms, they cannot fail to give a great impetus to the movement. All that town they have already established churches, Sunday schools, and a literary institution, and everything appears to indicate a healthy state of progress.

Quincy and the Armory.

The citizens of Quincy have now started up in the race for the location of the National Armory, and have held a public mutual admiration meeting, which appointed a committee to proceed to Washington and log-roll in the matter. We have now, besides Chicago, the following places all putting in for the Armory: Rock Island, LaSalle, Springfield, Quincy, Burlington, and a half-dozen other towns along the upper river. Their purpose is to defeat the West in getting the Armory, and to throw its location into the lap of Pittsburg. The organization of the National Committee is already too largely in the Pennsylvania interest to admit a serious division in the West. If the Armory does not come to Chicago it will go to Pittsburg. That seems to be settled. All the other Western claimants are, therefore, indirectly aiding Pittsburg to bear off the prize. The National Capital will about as soon be located at either Quincy, LaSalle, Springfield, etc., as that the new National Armory shall be.

Indiana Troops for Kentucky.

The Indianapolis *Journal*, of the 6th, says that all the Indiana regiments anywise near full, will be ordered into the field in a few days, and to Kentucky. There are some ten or twelve of them. Gen. Buell's army approaches a total of 100,000 men. It is everyway the finest, as it is the largest, army in the field under one commander, always excepting Gen. McClellan's force on the Potomac. Shall we have something done in Kentucky?

☞ One Cephas Beaumais, a native of Martinique, who has, through a course of years, committed gigantic forgeries in the United States, is now imprisoned in Philadelphia for his crimes. His operations have extended through a long series of years, and the amount he has realized from his adroit rascality is estimated at two hundred thousand dollars. Among other extensive operations in the West it is stated that in 1855 or thereabouts, he succeeded in duping St. Louis and Chicago firms to the amount of £35,000, or $100,000, by forged bills. To R. K. Swift & Brothers, of this city, he sold a forged draft for £2,800 sterling, receiving in return bills of exchange on the Bank of England. Being unknown in Chicago, the firm employed a detective officer to follow Beaumais. His suspicious conduct and his sudden flight to Canada aggravated their fears, and finally he was overtaken at an obscure town in Canada West.

☞ On the Grand Trunk Railway on the 24th ult., while the cars were under full headway, a gentlemanly appearing individual came up the aisle, and without saying a word drew a revolver, and fired three times at a stranger, sitting on the seat with a Mr. McLeod. Of course he was instantly killed. The assassin called himself McDonald, and said both himself and man killed were Scotchmen. He appeared to take the matter very coolly, producing a cigar, and lighting it as if nothing had happened. The conductor and another person took charge of him.

☞ The enemy are so thick around Romney, Va., that he who steps outside the entrenchments is nabbed as a prisoner. In this way two Lieutenants were caught, last Tuesday, and of a squad of cavalry sent out to recover them, one was also made prisoner. The negroes have little inducement to befriend our unlucky soldiers and smuggle them back into camp, since Gen. Kelly has treated those that rendered such service, so shabbily. Kelly hugs his "entrenchments," and he and his command are perfectly safe.

☞ The steamer Golden State, which left Paducah on Friday evening last, was met at Cave-in-Rock, by a messenger, who informed Capt. King that there was a body of six hundred rebels at Caseyville, awaiting the arrival of his boat and the Charley Bowen, intending to seize them on their arrival. The Golden State immediately put back to Paducah, when Gen. Smith ordered a gunboat with two hundred infantry and a company of cavalry, to proceed to Caseyville to dislodge the rebels.

☞ Example is catching, especially among the ladies. Mrs. Lincoln, in doing her last shopping at New York, carried home her own bundles; and now it is "fashionable" for ladies to do it. Mrs. Gov. Morgan, attending Gough's lecture at Albany, occupied a prominent seat and knit all the evening on her soldier's sock. At the next lecture all the women brought their knitting work.

☞ At Paducah on the 4th, a sad accident occurred in making a cannon. The machinery gave way and a thirty-two pounder fell, mashing the limbs of three men in a frightful manner. One of the 11th, Mr. Kearns, had one limb smashed, and the other broken in two places. He died in a few hours. The others are doing well; one with a leg amputated, another with both legs broken, one in two places.

☞ Charles Gibson, Esq., arrived at St. Louis on Thursday last from Washington, with a Treasury draft for $250,000 in favor of Gov. Gamble, to be used in payment of the Missouri State troops. Arms and equipments for 7,000 men have been sent by Gen. Meigs, to St. Louis, for the use of the State troops, and they are daily looked for to arrive.

☞ Not a single United States soldier now remains in Utah, and the travel across the plains is much diminished. There is no trouble whatever between the Mormons and the citizens of the State. The National Electric Telegraph passes through the Territory, and it is a matter of boast with Brigham that it is scrupulously protected from injury.

☞ Each company of the proposed regiment of artillery at Racine, Wis., whose being organized as a distinct battery, of which there will be some eight or ten in all. Two batteries (Captains Foster and Richberg) will start for Baltimore in a few days, and the others will follow to Kentucky or Missouri.

☞ The Worcester *Spy* counts up about one thousand mechanics in that city, engaged directly upon Government work—gun carriages, fire-arms, rifle barrels, machinery for gunboats, etc.

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

The President's Message—Judge Trumbull's Confiscation Act.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5, 1861.

The President's Message is variously commented upon. All agree that it is eminently a business-like document. The observations concerning the Supreme Court, and the plans recommended for its reorganization, are very much liked. So also are the views presented concerning a revision of the statutes, the establishment of Courts in the rebellious States and Territories for the collection of debts, and the changes proposed for the Court of Claims. The condition of the Treasury, so far as it is treated by the President, is regarded in every respect healthy and encouraging.

On the other hand, there are those who do not see how the Government can receive the slaves of rebels from Maryland, or Kentucky, or Missouri, "according to some mode of valuation in lieu, *pro tanto*, of direct taxes;" nor do they understand how these slaves, after being discharged from the only claim which holds them, can be still retained by some other power or claim, and used as tallies, or checks, or "chips," in settling a cash account between a State and the General Government. Perhaps the President merely intended, by this means, to encourage the Legislatures of Maryland, Kentucky and Missouri to adopt the policy of emancipating or confiscating the slaves of disloyal citizens. Indeed, this is the only intelligible explanation of the scheme, for it is absurd to suppose that, after a person has been *discharged* from the *only* service or labor which he is supposed to owe, he still owes something to the State, or belongs in fee simple to the State, or can be lawfully used as currency by the State.

The reticence of the President on the subject of slaves in their connection with the war—a subject which Secretary Cameron deems the most important of all—is much commented upon.

Senator Trumbull's bill to confiscate rebel property, etc., engages much attention. It has not yet been printed, but I am enabled to furnish the readers of the TRIBUNE with a pretty full synopsis of it:

Section one provides that all property, real or personal, within the United States, belonging to any person, whether in or out of the jurisdiction of the United States, who has taken up arms against the Government, or has aided or abetted, or who shall aid or abet, the present rebellion against the same, shall be confiscated and forfeited to United States.

Section two provides that every person having claim to the service or labor of any other person, in any State, under the laws thereof, who during the present rebellion shall take up arms against the United States or in any manner aid or abet said rebellion, shall thereby forfeit all right and claim to such service or labor, and the persons from whom it is claimed to be due, commonly called slaves, shall, *ipso facto*, on the commission of the act of forfeiture, by the party having claim to the service or labor aforesaid, be discharged therefrom and become forever thereafter free persons, any person or any officer of the United States to the contrary notwithstanding; and it shall be the duty of the President of the United States to make provision for the important, colonization and settlement in some tropical country beyond the limits of the United States of such persons of the African race made free by the provisions of this act, as may be willing to emigrate, having first obtained the consent of the Government of said country to their protection and settlement within the same, with all the rights and privileges of freemen.

Section three provides for seizure and confiscation by military power when beyond the reach of civil process.

Section four provides that the fund arising from such confiscation shall be applied, first, to the reimbursement of such loyal persons as may have been despoiled of their property by the rebellion, and, second, to the payment of the public debts incurred by the United States in the suppression of said rebellion.

Section five provides for the protection of loyal citizens in the rebel States from the operations of the act.

Section six provides for judicial proceedings in District Courts of the United States, for the execution of the provisions of the act.

Section seven provides for the forfeiture of the *personal* property of persons duly tried and convicted of treason.

The difference between the first and seventh sections of the Act is, that the former operates upon the *property* of rebels whose persons are not within our jurisdiction, while the latter conforms to that clause of the Constitution which contemplates the punishment of the *person* of the traitor by execution, and in view of that punishment forbids the confiscation of his *real* property beyond the period of his own life.

LATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

The Republicans of New Hampshire have called their State Convention at Concord, January 1st, and the Democrats hold their's January 8th. Both will nominate party tickets, the Republicans, of course, keeping Gov. Berry at their head.

—Joseph Hoxie—"old Joe"—who was the Republican candidate for County Clerk of New York, in November, and beaten, made a speech at a Gunther meeting, in which he said he wasn't a second time to be caught voting for the lowest candidate in a three-cornered race with Fernando Wood, and having voted for Opkyke, two years ago, he should now profit by that experience, and vote for Gunther! Opdyke was elected. The *Evening Post* now says:

> Mr. Joseph Hoxie, it is said, will leave town for a few days, to avoid the reproaches of his vocal organs, too, require a little relaxation.

—A company of ninety-six mounted men, representing every county of Pennsylvania, and recruited at Carlisle Barracks as a body guard for Gen. Anderson, (then in command in Kentucky,) have passed down the river to Louisville, and will be the body guard of Gen. Buell. From that time forward, one Colonel has worked assiduously to complete the balance, but not until last week was this effected. The number is 96. Of these, one was seriously stabbed. After careful examination I find not 50 out of some 1,300 men, and most of these of a mild type, that will not prevent them from doing forward with the regiment. The story of Captain Smith is also equally false with the other statements. It is true that some 60 men under that officer were left behind by the Governor of the State, in order, and the persons from whom it is claimed to be due, commonly called slaves, shall, *ipso facto*, on the commission of the act of forfeiture, by the party having claim to the service or labor aforesaid, be discharged therefrom and become forever thereafter free persons, any person or any officer of the United States to the contrary notwithstanding; and it shall be the duty of the President of the United States to make provision for the important, colonization and settlement in some tropical country beyond the limits of the United States of such persons of the African race made free by the provisions of this act, as may be willing to emigrate, having first obtained the consent of the Government of said country to their protection and settlement within the same, with all the rights and privileges of freemen.

—The Ohio 4th and 5th cavalry, Colonels Kennett and Taylor, have been ordered to proceed at once to Louisville, although unarmed as yet; and all the other Ohio cavalry regiments, five in number, are ordered to rendezvous at Camp Dennison, Cincinnati.

—The Nebraska *Republican* calls for a separate Land Surveyor's district to comprise that Territory, because the present district, under Surveyor Mark W. Delahay, is too wholly a Kansas affair. The Nebraska lands are not surveyed so as to invite Immigration, and indeed Mr. Delahay encourages all the immigration to Kansas at the expense of the other.

—The 13th Indiana has been ordered from Huttonville to Beverly, leaving the 14th alone to occupy the former place during the winter. The men have been building log houses for their accommodation, and are quite well provided for. There are four houses to each company, with a corporal to each, and separate quarters for the commissioned officers. Huttonville had but three houses when the troops first came there; now there are seventy-five, and the place is quite a thriving military village, only there is an alarming dearth of female society—800 men to one woman. Food is plenty, and is well cooked.

—A singular addition to chiropodic science has been made in the Guthrie Gray regiment in service in Western Virginia, where they were for weeks at a time with wet feet. Their feet had been so thoroughly soaked that every corn and bunion in the regiment was killed. We mention this curious fact for the benefit of those troubled in this manner, and hope that every man so afflicted will immediately enlist.

—Mr. Bingham, of Ohio, has a bill on slavery, which will come up for action next Tuesday, which differs materially from the proposition offered on Monday by Mr. Thaddeus Stevens, of Pennsylvania. The prominent feature of the Stevens proposition is that it encourages the slave to insurrection, or rather to join the Federal army. Mr. Bingham proposes to avoid this objection by providing for the confiscation of *all* the property of rebels, or of any persons aiding the rebellion, and for the absolute freedom of all slaves of such persons. A clause also provides for the punishment of all army or navy officers who shall arrest or return fugitive slaves.

—Gen. Rosecrans, at Wheeling, is looking about among the houses of runaway rebels for his winter establishment. He has examined the house of C. W. Russell, (member of the Richmond convention,) E. H. Fitzhugh, and Dr. Stanton, (now in Mississippi,) and rather prefers the latter. His staff are with him, and his family will soon arrive from Ohio.

—Lieut. Jefferson, C. Davis, one of the Fort Sumter garrison, went to Missouri as Colonel of the 22d Indiana; was appointed Brigadier-General by Fremont; and the Governor thereupon appointed officers for the regiment. Fremont's appointments being revoked by the War Department, Davis has lost both his Colonelcy and Generalship. Col. Wyman, of Illinois, was likewise named a Brigadier by Fremont, but as the assumed vacancy in the command of the regiment was not filled, he returns to his former position, safe and sound, although still acting in the capacity of Brigadier.

—James D. Fulley, the secession member of the Illinois Legislature from Williamson county, arrested some time since, defends himself through the *State Register* in this wise:

> I desire that every word in relation to my being or having been, or at any time in my life hereafter to be, in the "rebel army," is vehemently false. I have never been a rebel camp in my life, have never directly or indirectly, knowingly or unknowingly, communicated with the rebels, to my knowledge, but have been attempting to attend to my own business, provide for the wants of my family, and discharge the duties incumbent in this crisis upon all Constitution and Union loving citizens.

OUR ARMY CORRESPONDENCE.

FROM PORT HOLT, KENTUCKY.

A correspondent writing from Port Holt, below Cairo, on the Kentucky shore, after details of the adventure of the rebel gunboats a few days since, says:

What their object was in paying us this visit we are unable to say, but believe it more to try the range of our guns than anything else; it may have been meant to return a compliment our gun boats have frequently paid them by Columbus, and perhaps to inform us that the celebrated Hollins fleet had arrived, and were ready to receive the earliest attention of our boats. Whatever may have been their object they soon found the upper waters of the Mississippi, although in a high latitude, altogether too hot for them, and made good their retreat towards Columbus, to the music of sixty-four pound balls closely following after, stirring within the souls of all on board, I presume, the liveliest inspiration as to the source of those charming sounds. Had our gun-boats been at hand, or our sixty-four pound columbiad, furnished with the proper cartridges, they would have met with a much warmer reception than they did. As it was, however, they did not see fit to prolong their stay. At this point we have now the 7th and 28th regiments of Illinois volunteers, Colonels Cook and Johnson; Capt. Delano's and one other company of cavalry, and Capt. McAllister's company of light artillery. Our winter quarters are nearly completed, and add greatly to our comfort and convenience, especially when the weather is as cool as it has been for the past two weeks. How long we shall occupy them is very uncertain, but we are not particular about a long stop if they will only start us out in the right direction. We prefer a warmer climate, especially at this season of the year.

FROM THE ELEVENTH MICHIGAN.

A few days since, among our news matter, appeared some reference to the Eleventh Michigan now in camp at White Pigeon, Michigan, taken from our Detroit exchanges. Although this statement has already been made, accompanying a communication from that point, we give place to the following from a correspondent at that point:

> No regiment in the State has been recruited more rapidly, or filled up to the requisite number. As to the cost, that is all *moonshine*. No regiment has been equipped at less expense to the General Government; while the delay has been occasioned solely by the Government in not furnishing the required arms and clothing when ordered. As soon as full, an order was made on the Quartermaster General for clothing, who turned it over to the contractors; but these failed when only half supplied. From that time forward, our Colonel has worked assiduously to complete the balance, but not until last week was this effected. The number is 96. Of these, one was seriously stabbed. After careful examination I find not 50 out of some 1,300 men, and most of these of a mild type, that will not prevent them from doing forward with the regiment. The story of Captain Smith is also equally false with the other statements. It is true that some 60 men under that officer were left behind by the Governor of the State, a month or so ago, but they were men enlisted as mechanics, and of course not wanted by the 11th. May, and I understand have since been disbanded. Now, Messrs. Editors, permit me to say that the Eleventh is all right; that no better troops are to be found in the State; that they have for over a week been ready and anxious to move, and only prevented from doing so by not being supplied by the Government with the necessary arms and clothing; but that now all these have been supplied, and that it will move for Kentucky on Monday, and be first and foremost, (if possible) in driving the wicked traitors from off the soil of the Union. You may wager your hat that the 11th Michigan Infantry will do their whole duty and be a credit to the Peninsular State.

A STATEMENT FROM ROLLA.

ROLLA, Missouri, Nov. 26, 1861.

Editors of Chicago Tribune:

My attention was this day called to "*a Commissioner's Statement*," dated at Belvidere, Illinois, Nov. 9th, 1861, published in the *Northwestern Methodist Advocate* of Thursday, Nov. 20th, 1861, and signed by D. H. Whitney.

The object of this communication is to correct the *false statements* made by the writer, and impressions likely to be made upon the public mind from the said Commissioner's statements. In the article I will only make mention of things the command to which I am attached are interested in, leaving the 14th and 19th regiments to answer for themselves, although I know the writer has unrepresented and done great injustice to them as well as the 18th. He says he found the regiments "favorably located, with an abundant supply of water of excellent quality."

The 18th regiment went into camp at Dixon, on the 9th of May, were sworn into the United States service on the 8th of May, left Dixon on the 16th of June for Caseyville, opposite St. Louis, lay encamped at Caseyville until the afternoon of the 4th of July, when we broke up camp, and arrived at Rolla on the morning of the 8th.

A large quantity of arms, ammunition and supplies were stored in the depot warehouses, waiting for transport wagons and mules, to enable us to forward them to General Lyon's command then at Springfield. We were sent here to guard these army stores, and to do so were compelled to encamp near the depot, inasmuch as there was no water but the scanty supply obtained from wells which were drained day after day. The men would descend to the bottoms of the wells, and with tin cups dip up the last drop of mud and water in them, to obtain what was absolutely necessary for drinking and cooking purposes, and then the supply was short even of this bad quality. So much for misstatement number one.

He says the supplies of certain kinds of medicines are insufficient for treatment of the type of disease prevailing among the soldiers, and mentions opium, quinine and astringents. In reply to this statement I wish to say: I have never been short of these medicines, and have never made a requisition on the Medical Purveyor of this division of the army for these or any other medicines allowed in the supply table, that I did not get promptly and in the quantity asked for.

He says soldiers accept upon half rations on entering the hospital. Not so.

Soldiers on the sick list are allowed full rations, and what they do not consume goes to constitute a part of the hospital fund. The quality, quantity, and kind they eat are matters entirely under control of the Surgeons. With us there has at no time been a lack of provisions, but we have been limited in variety from want of the hospital fund to which we are entitled.

As to clothing, allow me to say, every private in the 18th regiment is entitled to a suit, consisting of a cost or Jacket, pantaloons, shirts, socks, shoes, and cape, from the county in which the company was enrolled. The State gave a bounty of six dollars (to be invested in clothing) to every private, and in addition to the bounty, gave every private a coat, pants, hat, two shirts, two pair of drawers, two pair of socks, and a pair of shoes—also gave to the regiment six hundred oil-cloth blankets for spreading on the ground to the men when it rains, overcoats for the use of the guards in wet weather and cold nights.

Within the last few days our men have been new uniformed again, with jackets, pants, drawers, shirts, socks, shoes, and the best of caps. All were furnished by the United States. Now, I ask any sane person if this looks like clothing our soldiers ill-used.

On our arrival at Rolla on the 8th of July, Col. Wyman was ordered to and took command of the post; an old two-story log house near the depot he occupied as his headquarters; up in the corner of the soldiers after the battle at Wilson's Creek, his office was on the lower floor. When the cars came in from Springfield the ammunition and part of the arms they brought back were stored in his lower room, and his office moved up stairs to the room immediately over it; then, and not before, was a guard stationed at the door; the business was to guard the ammunition and arms, and not the entrance to Gen. Wyman's office.

Subsequently, large lots of clothing, saddlery, and other army equipages were stored in another room on the ground floor. There was a window (the sash and glass of which were *now out*) in the room, but out of sight of the guard at the door. Therefore a second guard was posted at the window to prevent the things from being stolen. The third guard he mentions is a myth—a thing that never existed.

D. H. Whitney was hunting for "red tape," and thought he found it in these guards, when the truth is that D. H. Whitney was a novice, and had not learned how to visit a military headquarters, or encampment, and from what I can learn never saw him that I know of, nor did my assistant, and at no time have we both been absent from the regiment who was aware of his presence at Rolla, except the Chaplain, and he offered to accompany and introduce him to Gen. Wyman, but as that would spoil the "red tape" yarn, he declined. To the "guard, guard and red tape," in connection with General Wyman, is simply ridiculous, and there is no one acquainted with him but knows such charges are false. He is of a courtly and affability, and with these qualities has the great faculty of commanding the respect and esteem of the men under him, as any one can discover by passing through the camp, where such signs are to be seen at most doors as "Wyman Mansion," "Wyman Hotel," "Wyman Headquarters," &c. &c.

My opinion is that D. H. Whitney visited his son in the 18th regiment, as he passed through the city of Illinois, and that his reports are mere hearsays, obtained from authentic sources, or even the result of his own observations.

As an illinoisian, I am proud of my State. She has done nobly, not only in furnishing volunteers, but in equipping them and keeping watch over their welfare. The untiring zeal of Governor Yates has been well known to all to require comment from me, and we know that in constituting this "Commissioner," his object was the welfare of the soldiers; but our soldiers are intelligent, reading men, agree with me that the money expended by the State of D. H. Whitney might have been better invested had it been put into the hospital fund.

With regard to the hospital arrangements of the 18th (a matter in which I am directly interested), it is due to those having the control of affairs at Springfield to say that before we left our adopted State, we were supplied with the finest hospital tent I ever saw, also with camp cots, mattresses, bed sacks, pillow ticks, blankets, sheets, pillow cases, towels, cooking utensils, table furniture, and everything else in the way of hospital supplies necessary for the comfort of the sick. The 18th regiment, when fullest, numbered one thousand and one men, and so far have died of disease, or been instantly killed by accidental discharge of a gun, and twenty-four have been discharged from service on account of chronic diseases and troubles existing before they were mustered in. To-day we number about one hundred and sixty-seven men, and I am fully satisfied that no other regiment having served the same length of time, can begin to show less. I left eighteen men under his charge, and found the eleven left twenty-five cot bed stands, eleven pair of splendid woolen blankets, eleven sheets, eleven bed ticks, one freshly filled, eleven pillow ticks, (freshly filled,) and eleven linen pillow cases, making comfortable and good bedding for every man I left, and fourteen cots for the sick of other regiments; and notwithstanding all this I am represented as having sent my sick to the floor to be laid on the floor with nothing but half a blanket, folded so that one-half was under them and the other half over them. On our return to camp after an absence of three days, I at once pitched my hospital tent, and removed (as I supposed) all my sick men from the Brigade Hospital to it, leaving all the bedding I had taken to the Brigade Hospital for the use of the sick there, and putting my sick into other and fresh beds.

The men of the 18th regiment are all Anti-private, and Gen. Wyman has the respect and confidence of every one of them, and if D. H. Whitney was to utter such remarks within their hearing as those published in his "Commissioner's Statement," he would have an opportunity of showing his fighting or correspondent qualities in double quick," even if the "red tape" office-seeker and Adjutant "could attend" to that business.

I have never seen such a batch of misrepresentations and so little truth put into the same number of words.

SAMUEL C. PLUMMER,
Surgeon 18th Regiment Ill. Vols.

We, the undersigned officers of the 18th Regiment of Illinois Volunteers, fully endorse every line, word, and syllable of the foregoing communication:

A. B. GOMBAS, Lieut. Colonel Commanding 18th Regiment Illinois Volunteers.
FREDERICK W. PANTZIUS, Major and Acting Lieut. Colonel.
D. B. BURNSIDE, Major.
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The Tribune.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1861.

THE CITY.

PHILHARMONIC.—The next Philharmonic concert takes place at Bryan Hall on the 23d inst. The management of the Society are preparing a most excellent programme for this occasion.

THANKSGIVING SERMON.—J. W. Norris, No. 100 Madison street, has received a Thanksgiving Sermon, preached in the Arch Street Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, by Rev. Chas. Wadsworth, and published by T. B. Peterson & Bros.

SPEAKING BLANKETS.—One R. G. Reynolds was examined on Saturday, before the police magistrates, upon the charge of stealing two horse blankets from John Bingham, No. 98 Illinois street. The accused was committed for trial in default of $500 bail.

SLOPED.—The Rock Island papers announce that Wm. F. Chadwick, the attorney who was indicted with J. W. Bissell for conspiracy to burn the Rock Island bridge, has left for parts unknown, probably California. He leaves his bail in the lurch for $2,000, besides victimizing many others who had put their confidence in him.

TRANSFERRED.—We stated the other day that Joseph H. Knox had been "transferred" from the office of Adjutant to that of First Lieutenant of Co. K, in Col. Brackett's Cavalry regiment. We now learn that it was by the urgent invitation of the Captain and the unanimous vote of Company K, that he was induced to accept the position.

ATTENTION.—In another column will be found the card of Adams & Davis, attorneys at law. Both these gentlemen are able and experienced lawyers, and well known in this community, the latter especially, in his capacity of Police Magistrate. They are receiving, and eminently deserve it, a large share of the legal patronage.

METEOROLOGICAL.—Range of Thermometer for last week, noted by E. L. O'Hara, Druggist, No. 59 West Randolph street:

1861.	Dec.	7 A.M.	12 M.	6 P.M.
Sunday,	1	34	36	9
Monday,	2	7	31	19
Tuesday,	3	7	35	25
Wednesday,	4	27	37	27
Thursday,	5	34	40	40
Friday,	6	47	57	39
Saturday,	7	35	50	40

☞ We would call the attention of our lady readers to the advertisement in another column of Messrs. Stryker & Co., No. 141 Lake street. From the loads of cases and bales they have been receiving during the past week, we should judge they had been laying in an immense stock of goods for the holidays. Their stock is very complete, and they are holding out great inducements to purchasers. Read what they have to say.

RAILROAD ACCIDENT.—The train upon the Cincinnati and Chicago Air Line Railroad, due in Chicago at 9:40 p. m., ran off the track Saturday evening, delaying the train somewhat, but fortunately causing little damage. E. Thomas, messenger of the American Express Company, had his shoulder badly hurt, and received a severe cut upon the head. He was brought to this city and taken to the Briggs House. No other persons were injured, as we learn.

WORTHILY BESTOWED.—An elegant sword was forwarded a few days since to Lieutenant Nelson Thomasson, of the 5th United States Infantry, at Fort Leavenworth, by several of his friends, members of the bar of this city, as a token of their respect and good wishes. Lieutenant Thomasson was formerly a member of the bar. Both father and son are in the army. The gallant conduct of the father at Bull Run will be readily remembered. It is sufficient to say the son is "a chip of the old block."

DR. HUNTER AND INHALATION.—To-day, we publish another letter from this well known physician. The great revolution which has taken place in the treatment of affections of the throat and lungs is mainly attributable to the free discussion of the subject by the distinguished brothers, Drs. R. & J. Hunter, of New York. The great diminution in the official mortality bills of that city, following their extensive practice, is in itself an incontrovertible argument. Dr. James Hunter is now on a visit to our city, and may be consulted at No. 11 Adams street.

WINCHELL'S ENTERTAINMENT.—Winchell, the inimitable, gives an entertainment at Bryan Hall on Monday evening. Winchell's reputation as a mimic and delineator of droll characters is well established. There is nothing of the low or vulgar in the entertainments, and his every word, action and look, bears the impress of gentility and good breeding, hence he always succeeds in drawing around him the best classes of society; although his entertainments are of a comic or laughable character, his audience can scarcely fail to learn many lessons of a practical and useful character from his humorous descriptions of real life.

WAR EFFECTS.—The rebels are reaping the fruits of their wickedness in more ways than one. Before the war the New York Life Insurance Company had about six millions dollars at risk upon citizens of the South. The greater part of these liabilities are now to the credit of Northern policy holders in this Company. The citizens of this city seem to appreciate the advantages of insuring their lives, the agents of the New York Life Insurance Company having written over two hundred policies in October and November alone. This institution presents many claims upon the attention of the community. It stands third as being the oldest company in America, and offers a "ten year plan," by which an individual can secure a policy which in ten years will be *paid up in full*, and dividends declared thereon during the life of the assured. Premiums paid on policies of this class are not forfeited. For instance, after two years' payments on $1,000 the Company will issue to the assured a paid-up policy of $200, after three years, $300, and so on.

We call attention to the advertisement of Messrs. Olcott & Boyd, in another column of this paper.

THE CHRIST CHURCH FAIR.—The ladies connected with Christ Church are industriously engaged in perfecting their arrangements for the forthcoming "Character Fair" at Bryan Hall, on Thursday and Friday of the present week. All the nations of the earth, as we have before stated, with the exception of Rebeldom, will be represented in their peculiar costumes.

Bohemia comes in for its representation in the shape of a Gipsey encampment, over which will preside a Sybil, skilled in divining the futures of anxious young men—not one of the dark-skinned old hags who traces palms for a sixpence, but a youthful and blooming specimen of the race, who will trace palms for a shilling—money returned if satisfaction is not given. Besides Gipseys, there will be Milesians, Tentons, Italians, Yankees, Highlanders, Hottentots and Esquimaux; the beautiful and ugly, funny and solemn, sedate and ludicrous, picturesquely grouped about and forming a cosmopolitan kaleidoscope fully worth the mere pittance required for admission.

Dinner and tea will be served up by the ladies in *propria personæ*, the former from twelve until three, and the latter from half past five until seven, each day. Those desiring to contribute eatables, are requested to send them to the Hall during the days of the Fair.

ALLEGED LARCENY AS BAILEE.—Colonel Charles Northrup, a well known citizen of St. Louis, was arrested in this city, Saturday, upon the charge of larceny as bailee. The complainant in the case is Major Platt, a United States Paymaster at St. Louis, who in his application for the warrant, made a complaint substantially as follows: A dry goods dealer in St. Louis, named Ellis, was indebted to the firm of Middleton & Co., and Clatlin, Mollen & Co., of New York, for a joint account of $2,900. They sent their claims for collection, the former to Col. Northrup, and the latter to Major Platt, as their agents. The agents placed their claims in the hands of an attorney named Slade. Ellis, in the meantime, had shipped his stock from St. Louis to some point in the southern part of this State. Its whereabouts having been discovered, Slade commenced an attachment suit against Ellis, recovered judgment, and having bid in the property, left it in possession of Col. Northrup, until it should be disposed of or sold to the proper parties. The charge made by Major Platt is that Northrup has brought the property, valued at some $500, to this city, with intent to defraud. The case is a very interesting one, and involves some intricate points of law. The defence deny the charge in toto, and are confident of developing testimony which will acquit the accused. The testimony will be completed before the defendant had a partial hearing before the police magistrates on Saturday, which will be further continued on Tuesday.

The Second Regiment, Douglas Brigade.

The Second Regiment, Douglas Brigade, 55th Illinois Volunteers, Col. Stuart commanding, will leave Camp Douglas this afternoon, *en route* for St. Louis, in pursuance of orders received last week. The general marching order was issued by Col. Stuart on Friday, as it was expected the Regiment would leave on Saturday afternoon. Unavoidable delays occurred, however, which rendered the execution of the order impossible, and the departure was deferred until to-day.

The Second Regiment of the Brigade was organized on the 21st of August, and numbers nine hundred and sixty-one men. The men are mainly from the rural portions of the State, and splendid samples of the soldier, mentally and physically. They are thoroughly drilled except in the manual of arms. Short time, however, will elapse, once having obtained arms, before they will prove proficient. The regiment is thoroughly equipped, handsomely and durably uniformed, and takes with it a full and excellent regimental band. In all the elements which make up a perfect regiment, both physically, intellectually, and morally, they are excelled by no regiment in the service, and will prove an honor to the State.

The following is the complete roster of the regiment:

Colonel—David Stuart.
Lieut. Colonel—Oscar Malmborg.
Major—W. Denniston Senger.
Adjutant—Joseph Knox.
Quartermaster—Henry W. Jones.
Surgeon—G. P. Fisher.
Chaplain—L. P. Crouch.

COMPANY A.—Captain, Wm. A. Presson; 1st Lieutenant, Jacob Augustine; 2d do, Casper Schlioch—100 men.

COMPANY B.—Captain, Thos. B. Mackey; 1st Lieutenant, Albert F. Merrill; 2d do, Samuel C. Smith—95 men.

COMPANY C.—Captain, R. A. Bird; 1st Lieut. D. McIntosh; 2d do, S. A. Wright—90 men.

COMPANY D.—Captain, T. C. Chandler; 1st Lieutenant, F. H. Shaw; 2d do, W. S. Johnson; 90 men.

COMPANY E.—Captain, Charles R. Tazewell; 1st Lieutenant, Wm. H. Dixon; 2d do, Wm. S. Hallgas—97 men.

COMPANY F.—Captain, Milton L. Haney; 1st Lieutenant, Harrison Presson; 2d do, Joseph W. Parks—105 men.

COMPANY G.—Captain, Joseph Clay; 1st Lieut. C. M. Brown; 2d do, A. A. Whipple—89 men.

COMPANY H.—Captain, James J. Hefferan; 1st Lieutenant, James Weldon; 2d do, T. B. Barrows—96 men.

COMPANY I.—Captain, Zabez C. Crocker; 1st Lieutenant, Philip Blank; 2d do, Timothy Slattery—105 men.

COMPANY K.—Captain, Joseph Black; 1st Lieut, Benj. C. Swarts; 2d do, Andrew J. Gillett.

The receipt of the order to move caused great rejoicing among the "boys," who have long been in readiness and anxious to leave the tedious routine of camp life for the more active duties of the field. Uniforms were cleaned, bells pipe-clayed, and knapsacks were filled. Every man was on the *qui vive* to say good bye to Camp Douglas and start for the wars.

The Regiment will leave the camp this afternoon and this evening for St. Louis. The vacuum created in camp by its departure will be quickly filled, as portions of the Irish Brigade and the Cavalry regiments of Colonels Bell and Voss are waiting an opportunity to secure temporary room in the camp.

Appointment of Post Surgeon at Camp Douglas.

In the absence of any Post Surgeon at Camp Douglas since its organization, Dr. J. V. Z. Blaney, of this city, has filled the situation temporarily, and filled it with great credit. Doctor B. tendered his services to the Colonel of the post gratuitously, and since his acceptance, has labored assiduously and skillfully in the Sanitary Department of the camp, rendering most efficient aid in the erection of the Hospital and in its subsequent administration. The rapid accumulation of duties incumbent upon him, however, rendered it impossible for him longer to fulfil the duties of the situation he had occupied so creditably and usefully. Col. Tucker was notified to this effect on Saturday, immediately telegraphed to Springfield, and received an answer the same day, appointing Dr. Edmund Andrews, of this city, Post Surgeon. The appointment in every particular is most fortunate. Dr. Andrews brings to his new position, unusual medical information and surgical skill, the results of long practice and experience and will prove invaluable in the management of the Sanitary Department of Camp Douglas.

Report of the Minister at Large for the Year Ending Nov. 1st, 1861.

TO THE PRESIDENT AND TRUSTEES OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY AT LARGE

Gentlemen: The report of my labors for this year embraces—first, the care of destitute and neglected children; second, the oversight and management of our different schools; third, the regular and systematic assistance of the poor.

First, I have directed my time and care to destitute and neglected children, providing them, as they most need, with homes, places, schooling and clothing.

The Orphan Asylum, the Half-Orphan Asylum, the House of the Friendless, and the different Catholic institutions, are all at work in this field, and have been crowded with these smaller children who need homes. Our attention has therefore been directed chiefly to children from six to fifteen years of age, who needed assistance of this kind. I find on our books one hundred and forty-nine who have been sent to places or homes in the city and country during the year, of whom seventy-nine were boys, and seventy were girls; besides those, there were a number whom it was not needful to register.

These children were partly clothed, as they needed it or as we had the clothing; they are the children of poor parents, or half orphans, or entire orphans, or children of unfortunate women.

We have kept open our Sunday School with an attendance of from eighty in summer to one hundred and fifty in winter. The school is now flourishing under the very admirable superintendence of Mr. Rice, and the children are of the class most desirable for a Sunday school—those who need most the influence of simple conditions of a good beginning in this life; that is what we try to teach them. We reward them with little donations and holding in reference to books, and so far as we are able, we try to follow their fortunes, and lighten the burdens of their parents, where there is a small attendance at a large family, or sickness or misfortune or sin.

We have kept a free night school during the last winter, and have had a number from 40 to 50 for all children who are employed during the day, and for adults of all ages. In this school we have five paid teachers, and the number of pupils ranged from forty to one hundred and twenty, their ages ranging from ten years to fifty-five or sixty, the proportion of males to females being as three-fourths. These pupils were of all the more common nationalities, including some black men and boys, who were excellent scholars and made fair progress. The school was very successful. We had also an afternoon school under one teacher, for women and girls, who were prevented by their occupations from going to the public schools. In this school, the common branches and sewing were taught by an excellent lady teacher, and the pupils made good progress.

During the year a coffee house has been kept open from one till four o'clock, where we have met the poor, who have come to us for every possible purpose. I find on the books over eight hundred notes of applications from men, women and children, seeking assistance or employment.

The wants are diversified beyond all conception—wood, clothing, shoes, food, rent, consel, comfort, directions, railroad passes—every possible form of poverty; gets to our door. Some we can and do relieve; some we cannot. In the year we have given about three hundred garments, new and old, a hundred pairs of shoes and rubbers, besides some worn ones, nearly fifty dollars in money that was sent to me for various cases of extreme suffering; bed clothing and a number of other articles.

The Minister has still tried to befriend unfortunate women, and believes he has not failed to do some good, but it is the hardest of all his tasks to make sure of.

In the last winter we took up the Kansas relief work, and collected a large sum of money which was paid to the Treasurer. We collected also, a very large case of clothing and other articles, which were duly forwarded.

In the spring the Minister, together with two other city missionaries, visited the families of soldiers who had gone to the war. Your Minister took the West Division, and kept on as long as he was needed. Besides this, he has made visits, as he has found time, to the homes of the poor, and tried everywhere to carry out the ideas embodied in his mission, to be "a present help in the time of trouble." How far he has succeeded, it is not for him to say.

It should be recorded among the labors of the year, that your Minister spent ten weeks in visiting the military camps along the Potomac and in Maryland, in the service of the Sanitary Commission; the details of his labors in that department, need not be given in this report, as he was not under the pay of this ministry, nor strictly by its service, though in a more general sense, he was still laboring as a minister at large. During his absence, the duties of the ministry were ably and faithfully performed by Miss E. F. Newcome, so far as was practicable.

With respect, ROBERT COLLYER,
Minister at Large.

Chicago, Nov. 27, 1861.

NOTE.

The work of a day, a winter's day, in the Ministry at Large, is so varied, and apparently so aimless that I determined to note for one day in the middle of last January, each thing done, just as I did it. The following is the record:

1st. Gave Mrs. F. a dress-jacket.
2d. Gave Mrs. C. a shawl.
3d. Gave Mrs. J. a dress.
4th. Got Catharine O. H. a shawl.
5th. Gave Mrs. S. a cloak.
6th. Gave Mrs. S.'s girl a cripple, a new dress.
7th. Gave down to a woman rent for Mr. M.
8th. Gave to a woman for daughter of the last named woman.
9th. Sent a boy to Mr. A. of Ill. Cent. R. R.
10th. Sent a boy to Mr. S. on State st.
11th. Set the police after an impostor.
12th. Got a woman who has had married a bad wife.
13th. Clothed a cripple.
14th. Sent materials to the North side Sewing Society.

H. C.

The Board of Supervisors.

The Board of Supervisors held their fifth meeting of the present term on Saturday, and the following business of importance was transacted. In the morning, the Judiciary Committee reported in favor of the adoption of a resolution requiring assessors to levy a tax upon dogs. The report was accepted.

An animated discussion followed upon the subject of bailiffs' fees, called out by the report of the Committee on Jail and Jail Accounts, who recommended the allowance of bills and claims to the amount of $1,236.65. During the discussion it was stated that the county had paid $27,000 during the last year for jury fees.

The Board then proceeded to draw a list of jurors for the Circuit and Superior Courts, which occupied the largest part of the day.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Dunlap, of Leyden, but no action was taken thereon:

Resolved, That whereas, an article appeared in a morning paper, charging the Coroner with breaking said Against the propriety which was blown up at or near Clark street bridge, for the expenses of inquest, &c., and that an attachment was levied upon a quantity of old iron in the hands of the Custodian, who has, we are informed, a bill of $1,000 against Cook County;

Resolved, That the Coroner be requested to come forward and make a statement of the whole matter.

The resolution caused considerable sensation in the Board, which was doubly increased by a motion to adjourn until Tuesday at ten o'clock, evidently for the design of investigating the bill of the Custodian, an object hardly necessary, as will be perceived from the following letter, which, though not read before the Board, we print in this connection:

CHICAGO, Dec. 7, 1861.

Wm. James, Esq., Coroner:

DEAR SIR:—My charges as Custodian for the City of Chicago, for services and custody of the property put into my hands by the Sheriff, in the case of James vs. Folmer, being an attachment on a lot of machinery belonging to the Supplee Globe, and now lying on Hale's Dock, are $3 to the present time.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
JAMES LOSS, Custodian.

After several remonstrances upon the part of the members, who insisted, that the legitimate business of the term was finished, Dr. Gibbs called for the ayes and nays with the following result: Ayes 23, nays 16; and the Board stood adjourned until Tuesday at two o'clock.

Dr. Hunter, of New York, on Diptheria and Bronchitis.

LETTER NO. THREE.

To the Editors of the Chicago Tribune:

GENTLEMEN—In my last letter I gave a brief description of the organs of respiration, and explained the nature and treatment of sore throat. It may be well to add, for the guidance of those who suffer from sore throat, that they are liable not only to the extension of their disease to the lungs, but also to that dreaded modern scourge *diptheria*, which is now prevailing to an alarming extent over the whole of Europe and America. It is from cases of simple sore throat that this malady recruits its fatal ranks. Few, who have not carefully observed the effects of disease of the throat on the general health, can have any idea of the loss of bodily vigor which a very slight disease of the fauces produces.

In diptheria the blood is impregnated with a specific poison, for which the protoxide of nitrogen is the antidote. In the treatment of this disease, therefore, the physician should direct the patient to inhale the protoxide from a suitable apparatus, until its effects are manifested in considerable exhilaration, and after an hour's intermission chlorine should be inhaled freely to check the tendency to disorganization in the mucous membrane. Under the combined action of these remedies a few hours arrest the disease and save the life of the patient. The reason of the protoxide purifies the blood, while the antiseptic properties of the chlorine arrest the tendency to sloughing and gangrene. Besides these means, the throat should be washed every few hours with a strong solution of chlorinated soda, applied with a pharyngeal syringe. Treated in this manner, diptheria is a simple disease and will not prove fatal in one case out of a hundred.

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What, then, is Inhalation? The word itself merely means the act of inspiring, or drawing breath. In medical parlance, it means a mode of administering medicines by breathing them. Thus we say "inhale a medicine"—as we would say, "I take a medicine"—the difference being simply that the one is inhaled or breathed, while the other is swallowed. I am thus explicit in order to show that all medicines inhaled into the lungs are not alike, any more than all medicines taken into the stomach—and that the benefits to be derived from inhalations, must depend upon the experience and skill of the physician who prescribes them. I should have deemed this explanation unnecessary, but for the fact that many who write to me regarding the treatment, appear to have got the erroneous idea that "inhaling" instead of being a mode of practice, or administration of remedies, is some specific remedy, alike applicable to the most opposite forms of pulmonary disease. To make it such, is to degrade it to the low level of quackery. It can never be honestly employed without a full knowledge of all the symptoms and peculiarities of each case, and the adaptation of the remedies accordingly.

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